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U.S. Poultry Exports

Broiler exports posted strong gains in the first quarter of 2001. Most of the growth has come from higher shipments to Asia and Eastern European markets. Broiler products being exported to the Baltic nations primarily for transshipment to Russia are sharply lower. However, direct exports to Russia have risen by 75 percent to 491 million pounds and exports to such countries as Poland, the Ukraine, and Georgia are dramatically higher. Exports for 2001 are expected to reach 5.9 billion pounds, up slightly over 375 million pounds and a 7-percent increase from 2000. In 2002, broiler exports are expected to be about 6.2 billion pounds, up nearly 5 percent from the projected exports for 2001.

During the first quarter of 2001, exports of leg quarters to Eastern European markets totaled over 295 million pounds, an increase of over 100 percent from first-quarter 2000. Wing exports so far in 2001 to the Hong Kong/China market have totaled 70 million pounds, up 76 percent from the same period in 2000.

First Quarter 2001 Broiler Exports in '000 pounds

	2000	2001	%chg
Hong Kong	330,023	368,937	12
Russia	280,151	491,443	75
Total Exports	1,365,466	1,530,007	12

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

India Scraps Port-of-Entry Restrictions

In a dramatic reversal in policy, the GOI has scrapped Port-Of-Entry restrictions on the import of 300 sensitive items (including 147 agricultural items), 20 days following imposition of the policy. A report prepared by an inter-ministerial group charged with monitoring the import of sensitive items reported that during April 2001 (the first full month following removal of quantitative restrictions), the import of sensitive items declined sharply (rupees 3.6 billion or USD 80 million) from the previous year's level (rupees 5.2 billion or USD 118 million). Since the trade data do not indicate any undue surge in imports, the government has decided to withdraw its earlier notification restricting imports of sensitive items to designated ports.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

1st Quarter U.S. Poultry Meat Exports in Metric Tons

2000	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Total**
World	245,330.9	252,627.8	215,768.8	713,727.5
*FSU	115,932.8	98,312.4	58,197.2	272,442.3
2001	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Total**
World	286,800.9	238,498.6	226,111.1	751,410.6
*FSU	128,425.5	86,540.1	70,949.4	285,915.0

*Former Soviet Union

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

FAO Agricultural Commodity Projections to 2005

The poultry sector has expanded globally by 5.6 percent per annum since the mid 1980s. Intensification of production, vertical integration of the industry and relatively low feed prices all contributed to the momentum. These factors are expected to remain at play in the medium run. As a result, annual growth is projected to stay 5 percent, with global output rising from 51 million to 88 million between the base period of 1993-1995 and 2005.

Developing countries are expected to be responsible for nearly three-quarters of that increase, which would lift their share from 46 percent in the base period to 58 percent in 2005. In Africa, large increases are expected in Egypt, Algeria and Morocco. In Latin America strong expansions are projected in Brazil. Most countries in the Near East and in Asia should also record positive growth over the next seven years. However, there should be a slow-down in the rapid expansion in demand in China.

Among the developed countries, output is projected to surge in the United States and in the EC, assisted by rising domestic and external demand. Production is projected to recover in most central and eastern European countries but to remain below the base period level in several countries in the CIS.

Poultry has recently displaced beef as the second most consumed meat in the world. Average per caput consumption is projected to rise from 20.06 pounds in the base period to 29.76 pounds in 2005, with increases expected universally. The fastest growth is projected in the Asian countries with more moderate increases in Africa, Latin American and the Caribbean, and in the developed countries, often in substitution for beef.

The increase in import demand is projected to be met principally by the United States, which alone could account for close to 47 percent of global poultry meat shipments by 2005. While Brazil, China, Thailand and Hungary could also raise exports, sales by the EC are projected to decline below the base level, with larger shipments on commercial terms offsetting the Uruguay Round Agreements committed reduction in subsidized exports.

Progressive reduction of trade barriers, differences in tastes and comparative advantages could offer new market opportunities and encourage a greater reliance on trade. Several developing countries have already specialized in exporting value-added meat productions while stepping up imports of cheaper cuts. However, for many developing countries, the main policy issue will remain that of meeting domestic demand for meat without jeopardizing the survival of traditional livestock producers and traders, including pastoralists and farmers relying on mixed livestock/crop systems.

Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 26, 2001

	2001	2000 /1	Year-To-Date 2001	Year-To-Date 2000
Liquid	132	153	4,723	2,303
Frozen	0	4	40	44
Dried	0	0	22	213
Total	132	157	4,785	2,560

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 26, 2001

	2001	2000/1	Year-To-Date 2001	Year-To-Date 2000
Liquid	165	101	2,014	2,449
Frozen	21	8	601	263
Dried	14	12	240	575
Total	200	121	2,855	3,287

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 26, 2001

	2001	2000 /1	Year-To-Date 2001	Year-To-Date 2000
Jumbo	0	58	87	463
Extra Large	2,198	900	17,079	13,662
Large	4,157	3,248	46,823	61,065
Medium	1,560	1,160	18,378	14,163
Ungraded	10,416	2,190	116,420	74,190
Misc	3,360	900	33,138	6,210
Total	21,691	8,456	231,925	169,753

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 26-May-01

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,595	1,568	3,163
LAST WEEK	1,602	1,460	3,062
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,077	1,553	3,630
TO-DATE/2001	38,031	28,304	66,335
TO-DATE/2000	42,724	29,084	71,808

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	210	0	210
LAST WEEK	509	0	509
SAME WEEK YR AGO	219	0	219
TO-DATE/2001	10,329	143	10,472
TO-DATE/2000	10,518	50	10,568

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,805	1,568	3,373
LAST WEEK	2,111	1,460	3,571
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,296	1,553	3,849
TO-DATE/2001	48,360	28,447	76,807
TO-DATE/2000	53,242	29,134	82,376

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

01-JUN-2001

CHICKEN

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	FRESH (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	TOTAL (VOLUME)	EXPORT (VOLUME)
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	FRESH (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	TOTAL (VOLUME)	EXPORT (VOLUME)
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	23.00	15.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	23.00	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-21.00	12.00-16.00	1,570,800	1,183,200
WTD AVERAGE	18.02	14.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

01-JUN-2001

CHICKEN

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	FRESH (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	TOTAL (VOLUME)	EXPORT (VOLUME)
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	FRESH (PRICES, Cents per Pound)	TOTAL (VOLUME)	EXPORT (VOLUME)
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-21.00	16.00-20.00	1,144,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.14	18.25		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-21.00	11.00-17.00	1,984,000	768,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.96	14.30		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ,NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 1 JUNE 2001.

Seller sentiment fully steady to firm on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Most buyers resisting the higher trending seller asking prices on frozen destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat. Demand fair to good. Offerings were being held by some with increased confidence. The undertone on wing meat with skin, breast trim and scapula was mostly steady. Domestic and export trading consisted mostly of light volumes. Tom necks traded at 29 cents delivered port for export. Some industry members are watching with interest recent developments in Hong Kong and China.

FRIDAY, JUNE 01, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	260	28.50	2,248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	52	27.61	940
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104	27.00	104
TAILS	30.00		30.00	40	27.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	120	20.63	700
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-68.00		67.50	240	66.74	2,638

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.72	476
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	572
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	20.00-21.00		20.13	300
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-68.00		66.46	1,960

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-29.00		27.81	784
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.49	316
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	104
TAILS		R	28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-68.00		67.33	150

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.93	728
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	104
TAILS		R	28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-68.00		67.72	288

*****NOTICE*****
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2001
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY
2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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